

UGMS Committee

Minutes

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 4:00p.m.

PLACE: Professional Development and Conferencing Services Boardroom

PRESENT: Dr. A. Goodridge (Acting Chair), Drs. T. Adey, G. Farrell, C. Donovan, L. Gillespie, N. Bandrauk, Ms. S. Ackerman, Mr. G. Beckett, Ms. E. Hillman, Mr. S. Pennell, Ms. Juanita Barrett, Mr. W. Macdonald, Jeanie Haynes, Mr. P. Richard and Mr. N. Sowers (Student Representatives)

Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes were approved as circulated.

MELT Update

Ms. Juanita Barrett attended today's UGMS Meeting to give an update on the MELT by slide show presentation. She explained how a Team has been established to lead the work of curriculum renewal, the steps being carried out through the Phases and the timeline in which is hoped that the new curriculum will take place. The website with information about MELT is www.med.mun.ca/MDRenewal. Ms. Barrett will follow up with the UGMS Committee in a couple of months to return to another meeting along with Dr. Penny Hansen to give another report. Dr. Goodridge thanked Ms. Barrett for the update.

Promotions Policy

Mr. Beckett reviewed the summary of proposed policy and procedure changes related to the Promotion Policy/Procedures to the UGMS Committee. There was discussion on the wording of the first sentence of number 2 and was agreed that the word "advance" be inserted with the sentence then reading "The pass mark for remediation and reassessment examinations in Pre-clerkship is set in advance by course/subject chairs." There will be another meeting called to discuss number 6 as there was a lot of debate on remediation and reassessment for pre-clerkship students.

Clerkship 4th Year

Dr. Adey spoke about the value of 4th year and what education objectives apply to students. After some discussion it was suggested to evaluate 4th year to see what can be done with it or to form a group to talk to MELT to determine the usefulness and define 4th year. Drs. Farrell and Goodridge will discuss the revamping the structure of 4th year. .

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Dr. A. Goodridge (Acting Chair)

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